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AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM
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AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

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USMTN, USOECD ALSO FOR EMBASSY, USEEC ALSO FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: TESTIMONY FOR HEARING ON "BUY AMERICA" BILL

REF: STATE 061254

1. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY WAS NOT ACTION ADDRESSEE ON REFTEL AND REPORTING ON GROC "BUY AMERICA" PROGRAM ANNOUNCED IN NOVEMBER 1977 HAS BEEN VOLUMINOUS, DEPARTMENT MAY FIND USEFUL FOR HEARING ON S-2318 FOLLOWING EXAMPLES OF MAJOR PURCHASES BY GROC AND GROC ENTERPRISES OF U.S. PRODUCTS IN RECENT YEARS:

PURCHASER	AMOUNT (US \$1,000)
TAIWAN POWER COMPANY	1,359,187
ROC PROCUREMENT MISSION TO US (1978)	268,850
CHINA STEEL CORPORATION	218,000
CHINESE PETROLEUM CORPORATION	150,000
TAIWAN RAILWAY ADMINISTRATION	110,000
CHINA AIRLINES	86,000
CENTRAL TRUST OF CHINA (GROC PROCUREMENT AGENCY)	57,620
TAIWAN ALUMINUM CORPORATION	22,000
CHINA SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION	11,000

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TAIWAN HIGHWAY BUREAU	5,050
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2. ABOVE ITEMS ALONE TOTAL ALMOST US 3 BILLION AND EMBASSY ESTIMATES THAT IF ALL GROC PROCUREMENTS IN U.S. IN PAST FIVE YEARS WERE TABULATED TOTAL WOULD BE CLOSE TO US \$4 BILLION. OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE SALES IS EXCELLENT. BECAUSE OF TRADE SURPLUS WITH U.S. AND TRADE DEFICIT WITH JAPAN, GROC IS SWITCHING SOURCING TO U.S. WHEN POSSIBLE AND IS ENCOURAGING PRIVATE SECTOR TO DO LIKEWISE. DURING RECENT VISIT EXIM BANK TEAM TO TAIWAN, GROC PRESENTED LIST OF THIRTEEN PROJECTS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY GROC ENTERPRISES IN NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. U.S. PROCUREMENT FOR THOSE PROJECTS IS ESTIMATED AT OVER US \$1.1 BILLION.

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